

LOVE'S REQUEST.

Sweetheart, if there should come a time
When in my sweetest face
The beauty of a vanished prime
You strive in vain to trace;
When faded tresses, gray and thin,
Defy the binder's skill;
Sweetheart, betray no sign,
By word or look or sign;
Think of the grace that once was mine;
Kiss me and be still.

Sweetheart, if there should come a year
When from my withered lips
The loving word that now rings clear,
In tuneless weakness slips;
If I should sing with quivering voice
Some old song worse than ill,
Sweetheart, with kind deceit,
No mocking words repeat;
Think of the voice that once was sweet;
Kiss me and be still.

Sweetheart, if there should come a day—
I know not when or how—
When your love beams with lessening ray,
That burns so brightly now;
When you can meet my faithful eyes,
And feel no answering thrill;
Sweetheart, let me not know—
I could not bear the while;
Think of the dear, dear long ago,
Kiss me and be still.

—N. Y. Advertiser.

MR. MEEKS' PRISONER.

BY LESTER KETCHUM.

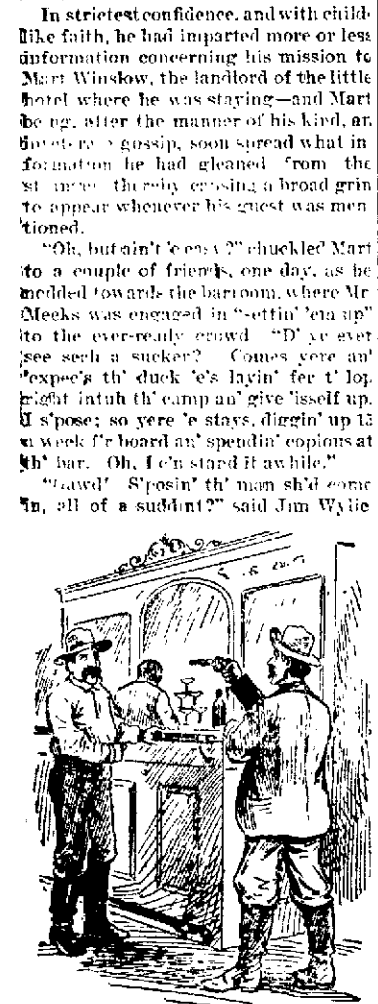
HE SAID his name was Meeks, and it struck thoughtful ones in Buffalo Horn that the patronymic was a singularly appropriate one for the gentleman himself was a mild-eyed, "sandy" looking little man, with a self-deprecating air that suggested a standing apology on his part for presuming to exist. He floated into town quietly, and so unobtrusive and modest was he that it was several days before his presence began to be noticed, and then only on account of a rumor that he had gained circulation to the effect that he was an officer of the United States secret service. Then Buffalo Hornites smiled. Of course, like all western people, they understood that it is not best to judge from appearances; but, oh! what a chump Uncle Sam must be, to send a wee bit of a man like this to arrest an Oklahoma malefactor!

To be sure, nobody had the temerity to suggest this to Mr. Meeks. There are communities in which the one who presumes upon appearances is taking very long chances, and Buffalo Horn was one of these. Therefore, Mr. Meeks was treated with great show of respect by all the leading citizens, who squared things with themselves by privately "giving him the horse laugh." And, all unconscious, Mr. Meeks kept on his way, or, rather, stayed where he was and lay in wait for some certain criminal who was wanted for violating a severe, more or less, of the federal statutes.

In strictest confidence, and with child-like faith, he had imparted more or less information concerning his mission to Mart Winslow, the landlord of the little hotel where he was staying—and Mart being, after the manner of his kind, an industrious gossip, soon spread what information he had gleaned from the stranger, the result being a broad grin to appear whenever his guest was mentioned.

"Oh, but ain't 'e easy?" chuckled Mart to a couple of friends, one day, as he nodded towards the barroom, where Mr. Meeks was engaged in "settling up" to the ever-ready crowd. "D'ye ever see such a sucker? Comos yere an' expect 'th' duck 'e's layin' fer 't' top, 'bout fatuh 'th' camp an' give 'issell up. 't' s'pose, so yere 'e stays, diggin' up 't' week 'e board an' spendin' 'eplains at 'th' bar. Oh, I 'm standin' it awhile."

"Lawd! 'Sposin' 'th' man sh'd come in, all of a sudden?" said Jim Wylie



"HANDS UP, MR. WILLIAMS!"

the city marshal. "Say, I bet 'e'd die o' 'eart!"

"Who is it 'th' little feller wants, Mart?" asked some one sitting by the window.

"Sh-h-h! Easy, Frank! . . . Oh, I d'no', not now. But I'll bet ye on 't' thing—'tain't nobody he's agoin' t' catch right off."

It came to be rumored, within a day or two, that "Kingfisher" Williams was the man Mr. Meeks was after, this rumor being based upon the fact that the little man had been—very quietly, of course—making inquiries concerning that notorious person, whom numerous county and national officers were more or less anxious to meet. He was not known personally to anyone in Buffalo Horn, but Mr. Wylie assured the little man that Kingfisher Williams was a very bad man indeed, and that if Mr. Meeks effected his capture, it would be a great feather in his cap—whereupon the little man swelled up considerably and invited Mr. Wylie to join him at the bar.

It was about a week after this conversation that the secret service officer and the city marshal were standing in the barroom, discussing some question or other when the door opened and a stranger entered and, walking up to the bar, called for whiskey. Mr. Meeks was

looking earnestly upward into the big marshal's face as the stranger entered, but withdrew his gaze for a moment to glance at the newcomer. Then he reached for his revolver.

"There's my man!" he remarked, calmly, in an undertone, to the marshal. "Get back from the bar, please."

Wylie, dumfounded, did as he was bidden, in time to see the stranger look up just as Mr. Meeks got him covered. "Hands up, Mr. Williams!" commanded the little man. "I want you!"

With an oath, the other "drew," and for a few seconds there was a confusion of shots, in which the city marshal could take no part by reason of his revolver getting stuck and refusing to come forth. Then the stranger threw up both hands, in token of surrender.

"Have you—a pair of handcuffs, Mr. Wylie?" asked Mr. Meeks. "Put 'em on him, please. Sorry, Mr. Williams, but I can't take any chances with you."

Williams did not answer, but growled angrily under his breath as he submitted to being handcuffed.

"I'll git you for this!" he said to Wylie, as the latter stepped back after finishing the operation.

"Oh, ye will, will ye? Wait untill my friend, Mr. Meeks, gets through 't' th' ye, Mr. Williams," said the cheerful reply.

"Want t' put 'im in 't' cooler?" asked the marshal, presently.

"No, thanks. He'll bunk with me to-night, and to-morrow we leave. Much obliged, all the same."

It was not more than an hour before every one in Buffalo Horn knew that little Mr. Meeks had, single-handed, captured the notorious Kingfisher Williams, after a short battle in which nobody was hurt; and the general sentiment was of the "well, I'll be doggoned!" variety.

That night Mr. Meeks had a levee and blithely received the congratulations of the best citizens of Buffalo Horn during a period of two hours, the while his now staunch friend, Jim Wylie, obligingly guarded his deprecating prisoner. Had he had been a less temperate man, he might have retired somewhat the worse for liquor, as did most of the citizens of Buffalo Horn; but he kept his wits about him and was as sober as his prisoner when they turned in.

Next morning a half-score of leading citizens had sufficiently recovered from the night's revelries to accompany him and his prisoner to Four-Mile Creek. This honor was modestly protested against by the little man, who seemed not to see that he had done anything remarkable, but he was hooted down, and when they reached Four-Mile his escort parted with him with three rousing cheers and a volley of revolver-shots by way of salute.

It was about one o'clock in the afternoon when an excited, hatless man, mounted on a panting horse that dripped with perspiration, dashed up to the Hotel Winslow, in front of which a number of citizens were sitting, discussing the events of the day and night previous, and hoarsely announced: "Kingfisher—he's killed 'im!"

"What? Who?" asked Winslow. "What ye talkin' about, man?"

The stranger was gasping for breath, but presently managed to explain that 20 miles south, he had been resting under a tree by a stream, when a little man and a big man, whom he had known in Kingfisher as "Kingfisher" Williams, came along and dismounted near by. The little man was leaning over to get a drink when Williams sneaked up behind him and struck him down with his handcuffs. After this said the stranger, he saw Williams take the keys from the little man's pocket and unlock his handcuffs. Then he shot the insensible victim with the latter's own gun, mounted and rode away; and the newcomer hurried into Buffalo Horn the faster because Williams caught sight of him as he was leaving and took a few shots at him.

"Why didn't ye shoot back—'r else git 'th' drop on 'im w'en 'e hit little Meeks w' th' bracelets?" asked Jim Wylie, fiercely.

"Cause, in the first place, I didn't think 'e'd kill 'th' man. Second—and the stranger eyed Wylie quizzically—"I reckon ye ha'n't real well acquainted 't' Kingfisher Williams, be ye?"

Unless than an hour the little town was practically depopulated of men, all but the cashier of the local bank and a few bartenders having gone on the war-path to catch and hang Kingfisher Williams for the murder of Mr. Meeks. The stranger did not accompany them, his horse being blown and himself not being anxious to meet Mr. Williams. However, it made no difference, as every one knew the ford which the stranger said was the scene of the tragedy.

Thus, nearly every one being gone southward to mete out justice to the alleged murderer of Mr. Meeks, it was really child's play for that gentleman and Mr. Williams, emerging from their hiding places in the hills just north of the town, and joining the stranger who had brought the news, to loot the bank, three stores, the hotel and every saloon in the place, and to get safely away on fresh horses at least three hours before the pursuit could be organized.

And that is why every officer whose business takes him into Buffalo Horn and neighboring towns is looked upon with suspicion until his credentials are approved.—San Francisco Argonaut.

Long Ago.

Count Saint Germain, who appeared in Paris in the reign of Louis XV., and pretended to be possessed of the elixir of life, had a valet who was almost as great as his master in the art of lying. Once, when the count was describing at a dinner party a circumstance which occurred at the court of "his friend King Richard I. of England," he appealed to his servant for the confirmation of his story, who, with the greatest composure, replied: "You forget, sir, I have only been 500 years in your service." "True," said his master musingly. "It was a little before your time."—Household Words.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at
the Opera House Drug store.

The best blood purifier is Ray's Sarsa-
parilla—at West's drug store. 50c.—22-dtf
If you are troubled with catarrh,
asthma or headache, use the German
medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf
Everybody should attend the matrimon-
ial entertainment to be given by the L.
A. S. of S. of V., April 8.

The best spring tonic for that tired
feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at
West's drug store. 75c.—23-dtf.

Professor C. W. Harriman, superintend-
ent of schools at Lincoln is seriously ill.

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
mch 25-dtf

On April 20 the Ancient Order of Hi-
bernians will give a grand ball at Guards
armory.

Little Diana cigar; business men's
ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50.
L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and re-
tail, 223 North Main street. Durfee &
Culp.

The figures on the result of the election
will be posted in the Republican office
tonight as usual. It is only a question of
Republican majority.

It is the purpose of Dr. Arthur F. Wil-
helmy, late of Cincinnati and Dayton,
Ohio, to open an office and practice his
profession in Decatur.

Before you have your spring papering
done go and see W. C. Pluck, 109 East
North street. Exclusive wall paper store.
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Some of the voters in several districts
did not get to vote at 7 o'clock or even at
7:30 this morning because the judges and
clerks were not ready with their books
and ballots. At one place the booths were
not up at 7:30.

At the sale held Monday at the farm of
H. C. Montgomery, seven miles south of
Decatur, horses and implements to the
value of \$1200 were sold. The horses
averaged about \$80 each in price. Tebo
Ward was the auctioneer.

At a meeting of the Decatur Typo-
graphical Union held Sunday afternoon
the following officers were elected: Presi-
dent, Wilbur Hoppin; vice president,
George Shaffer, secretary-treasurer, W. L.
Hall; recording secretary, Eugene Linx-
wiler; sergeant-at-arms, Farmer Coltrin.

At the Congregational Sunday school
Sunday morning the collection amounted
to \$44.00. This is because the funds rais-
ed by the classes for new singing books
were turned in that day. Superintendent
E. P. Irving promised to contribute an
amount equal to the largest sum given by
one class. Miss Adella Bishop's class
raised \$10.

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coats, pants, coat or vest when you
can get your clothing re-dyed,
cleaned and pressed and repaired to
look equal to new by taking them to
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Shaffer Bros.
J. B. Fritz.
W. H. Howard.
Chas. Mathews.
J. B. Robinson.
J. E. Wheeler.
May Bros.
Beckwith Grocery.
L. H. Kaler.
H. Meyer.
McMahan & Fulton.
Behlie & Oehler.
I. N. Cool.
Weckerman & Knapp.
D. Armbruster.
B. W. Davis.
R. H. Hays.
T. T. Springer.
C. Ameloid.
Propst & Hepshire.

COUNCIL MEETING.

An Ordinance is Introduced Pro-
hibiting the Prize Fight
Pictures.

MINISTERS ATTEND THE MEETING

And Asked the Aldermen to Pass the
Measure—It was Referred to a
Committee—Other Business
Transacted Last Night.

At the meeting of the city council last
evening an effort was made to pass an or-
dinance prohibiting the exhibition of pic-
tures of the prize fight through a kine-
scope. The ordinance, however, was re-
ferred to the ordinance committee to re-
port at the next meeting. The movement
against the showing of the pictures began
with the members of the W. C. T. U.,
who circulated a petition among the peo-
ple of the city asking the council to pass
the law. The petition signed by over
1000 persons was presented to the council
last evening. It was accompanied by an
ordinance which read that it should be
unlawful for any person, persons or cor-
poration to show or exhibit within the
city any pictures, photographs or repre-
sentation of any prize fight or other bru-
tal exhibition through a kinetoscope or
any other machine. The ordinance and
petition were to be acted upon at the same
time.

Johnson made a motion to refer the
matter to the ordinance committee. Mr.
Carter said that as a member of the First
Baptist church of Decatur he had been re-
quested by the congregation on last Sun-
day to state to the council that the church
was in favor of the petition and to con-
sider that their names had been signed to
it. This, he said, would make a total of
over 1700 people who want the ordinance
passed. Mr. Carter made a motion for the
suspension of rule 15 and the passage
of the ordinance. Mr. Ahrens said that
if the council stopped the kinetoscope it
would also have to stop horse racing and
foot ball.

Mr. Montgomery stated to the council
that a committee was present who wished
to talk on the subject and asked that the
council grant them permission to speak.
This was allowed and Rev. A. W. Haw-
kins gave a short talk. He said that he
was present in behalf of about 1700 per-
sons who wanted the exhibition prohibi-
ted. Some of the metropolitan secular
newspapers had suggested that Nevada be
withdrawn from the statehood for allow-
ing the fight to take place. If then the
prize fight was such a bad thing why did
the people want the pictures of it. He
did not see how any good could come
from the representation of such a terrible
scene and he asked the council in behalf
of the homes, the young men and boys
and the best interests of the city to pass
the ordinance.

Rev. D. R. MacGregor, pastor of the
First Baptist church, was also present
and was allowed to speak. He said that
the moral effect of the pictures would be
the same as the fight itself and he urged
the council not to permit the exhibition
to take place.

P. P. Laughlin also made a few re-
marks on the subject.
W. T. Wells, who was one of the com-
mittee representing the petition signers,
said that it had been generally conceded
that Nevada had disgraced herself in the
eyes of the nation and he did not see why
Decatur should disgrace herself.

Mayor Conklin also expressed himself.
He said that there was no doubt but that
the young men were susceptible to evil
influences. He remembered how the
small boys went to see an entertainment
at the theatre where a duel to death was
found and the next day tried to stab their
friends with wooden lathes. He added
that he thought the ordinance would be a
good one to pass.

The vote was then taken on the motion
to suspend the rule and place the ordi-
nance on its passage. The vote stood 9
to 5. Ahrens, Bold, Gogerty, Hill and
Johnson voting nay and all the others
voting aye. Mr. Ahrens stated when he
voted no that he did so because he want-
ed to let the foot ball games go on next
summer. The mayor declared the mo-
tion carried, but Mr. Montgomery said
that he was sorry to state that it was not
carried because it was necessary in such
case to have a two-thirds vote instead of a
majority.

The vote to refer to the ordinance com-
mittee was then taken and resulted 11 to
3. Carter, DeWitt and Gehbart voting
nay. Mr. Montgomery moved that the
committee be instructed to report at the
next meeting and Mr. Carter moved that
the members of the committee retire for
15 minutes and then make their report.

Colonel Mathias thought that the mat-
ter ought not to be rushed and that the
committee ought to have two weeks in
which to consider the ordinance. Mr.
Irwin then got out his list of rules and
declared that a majority of votes were
enough to pass the resolution but the
other aldermen insisted that he was
wrong and the matter was dropped.

Reports.
The treasurer reported a balance due
bank at end of month of \$12,924.01. The

balance in the different funds was as fol-
lows:

Street paving account, \$5162.
Sewer account, \$833.50.
Library account, \$978.03.
Sinking fund, \$14,927.90.
The engineer at the water works report-
ed that 53,000,000 gallons of water were
pumped and 390 tons of coal used.
The water inspector reported that 199
water meters were in use in the city.
The street superintendent reported a to-
tal expenditure of \$397.41 for the month.
Not Granted.
The sidewalk and crossing committee
recommended that the petition of Jesse
Lefforge & Co. to erect a sign in front of
their place of business be not granted.
The report of the committee was ad-
opted.

Pay Roll.
The pay roll for the month was as fol-
lows: City officers, \$980.10; water in-
spector, \$48.02; police department,
\$1361.60; sewer inspector, \$49.50; water
works, \$5.90; superintendent of streets,
\$397.41; fire department, \$1552.15. A
large number of bills were ordered paid.

Paving Ordinance.
The clerk read an ordinance for the
paving of Front street from the north line
of Eldorado street to the south line of
Cerro Gordo street. It was the first read-
ing of the ordinance and it was referred
to the ordinance committee.

Won't Clean the Streets.
A resolution was introduced that the
street superintendent be directed to clean
the principal paved streets at the earliest
opportunity. The vote was taken on a
motion to refer to the finance committee
was a tie and the mayor declared it lost.
After some little talk an amendment to
lay upon the table was made but was lost.
The vote on a motion to pass the resolu-
tion was a tie and again the mayor de-
clared it lost.

Resolutions.
That the city marshal and police de-
partment be directed at once to proceed
to put into execution the provisions of
the curfew ordinance recently passed by
the council. Mr. Irwin moved to pass
the resolution and it was carried.
That the sewer inspector be instructed
to put in a tile connection a lateral with
the sewer south under the I. D. & W.
railroad to drain a pond of water east of
the coal shaft and carry off the water.
Referred to public improvement commit-
tee with power to act.

That the ditch at corner of Marietta
and Pine street be opened and cleaned so
surface water can get away and relieve
property owners at once. Referred to
street and alley committee with power to
act.

A resolution was introduced by Alder-
man Hill, DeWitt and Johnson that the
street sprinklers when sprinkling paved
streets before the hours of 8:30 a. m. and
after 4 p. m. be required to leave un-
sprinkled a strip of pavement three feet
in width on each side of the roadway.
There was considerable discussion on the
question but it was referred to the street
and alley committee to report at the next
meeting.

That the mayor be instructed to make
a quit claim deed to George W. March for
a strip of land on 10 feet wide on the
North Pugh street from Church east to a
point 10 feet west of the alley between
Church and Main streets. The land con-
nects with Mr. March's land and for some
years has been used by him. The resolu-
tion was referred to the street and alley
committee.

Busted.
More than 150 fire insurance companies
discontinued business during 1896. A
few reinsured but most of them are ut-
terly bankrupt and their policies are
worth no more than so much waste paper.
We are convinced many such policies are
held in this city and the holders are ig-
norant that the policies are absolutely
worthless. We have just received the
latest report of Mr. Durfee, the Insurance
Superintendent of Illinois, showing the
standing of all the companies authorized
to do business in this state, and we be-
lieve it advisable for every policy holder of
any company to bring same to our office
and learn the standing of the company
issuing the same. We will gladly furnish
the information without charge. Please
note that all companies represented by us
are reported in excellent condition—we
never represent any others.
No. 124 North Water street.
2-dlw Kuny, Johns & Strohm.

High School News.
The members of the 1897 graduating
class will give a social party tonight at
the home of D. S. Shellsbarger, president
of the board of education.
Wayle C. Williams has been chosen by
the faculty to represent them on com-
mencement day. The class will select
some one to represent the class.
W. F. Johnson gave the review class an
address on the battle of Fredericksburg,
going into details of the battle and giving
many incidents of the war in Virginia.
He was with General Phil Sheridan in
many battles.

Such Ate About Nothing.
A report from New York states that the
pictures which were made of the Corbett-
Fitzsimmons fight, and which are now
being developed are failures and will not
be fit for exhibition.

Was Naturalized.
Julius Brick was before Judge Ham-
mer yesterday afternoon to take out nat-
uralization papers. He is a native of
Germany.

Vagued.
Bill Houston was before Justice Shorb
yesterday and was given sixty days in the
county jail for vagrancy.

At The Grand.

Saturday Night,
McFee's Matrimonial Bureau will be
the bill at the Grand Saturday evening
next.
George Gale, the famous English tenor,
so long the favorite with Primrose &
West's minstrels is a great addition to the
musical part of the show.

This excellent attraction has just
closed a most successful run of four weeks
in Chicago where it was conceded by all
critics to be the best Irish musical com-
edy seen there in years.

MACON COUNTY DELEGATES.

To the Supreme Court Judicial Con-
vention April 15.

At the last meeting of the Macon coun-
ty Republican central committee Chair-
man R. P. Lytle was authorized to ap-
point the delegates to attend the supreme
court judicial convention to be held in
Decatur at the court house at 1 p. m.
Thursday, April 15. Chairman Lytle has
named the following gentlemen to repre-
sent Macon county at said convention.

J. R. Mills, J. M. Cloney, Edwin Park
of Decatur; O. H. Draper of Macon, Jo-
seph Miller of Blue Mound, and Captain
T. H. Barr of Macon. There are sixteen
counties in the district and the repre-
sentation will be one delegate to each 1000
Republican votes. There will be 81 dele-
gates in the convention. Judge J. W.
Wilkin of Danville, present incumbent,
will probably be nominated.

The Order of Foresters.
At the adjourned meeting held last
night the Court of Decatur, No. 3163, In-
dependent Order of Foresters, was orga-
nized by the election and installation of
these officers:

C. R.—John Trainer.
V. C. R.—M. Einstein.
V. C. R.—E. F. Stringer.
Chaplain—Rev. G. F. Hall.
Physicians—Drs. A. M. Drew and J. L.
Bevans.

Recording Secretary—T. A. Hall.
Financial Secretary—Sam Wood, sr.
Treasurer—Dr. J. L. Bevans.
S. W.—R. H. Harlow.
J. W.—Sam Wood, jr.
S. B.—All Thayer.
J. B.—J. W. Heath.

C. W. Allen, deputy chief ranger, was
the organizer. The Court is to give an
entertainment in the near future when
A. E. Stevenson, high chief ranger of Illi-
nois, Dr. G. F. Hall and others will de-
liver addresses. Dr. Drew was commis-
sioned deputy high chief ranger.

German Aid Society Officers.
The annual meeting of the German Aid
society was held at the Turner hall on
South Broadway last night and officers
were elected as follows:

President—Carl Pfister.
Vice President—Charles Dreesen.
Recording Secretary—A. Beer.
Financial Secretary—N. Armbruster.
Treasurer—Anton Sherr.
Trustees—Herman Lahme, Carl Young,
W. Ernst, George Moessner, August
Scholtz.

The reports of officers were read, show-
ing the society to be in a very prosperous
condition financially and otherwise.
The German Aid society was organized
in 1882. The membership is 66. It is a
fraternal organization which pays a sick
benefit of \$5 a week and buries its dead.

A Bubble Party.
A soap bubble party was given at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. George Elkin, 143
North Edward street yesterday afternoon
from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of their little
daughter Marie's third birthday. The
little tots who enjoyed blowing bubbles
and other games were Gladys Wyson,
Elizabeth Porter, Nina Couel, Florence
and Lella Corby, Peralding Kemper, Lela
Hughes, Mabel Walser, Helen Muzzey,
Lila Walis, Daphne Hostetler, Marie Elkin
and Malcolm Wood, Lawrence Mull, Har-
ry Muzzey, Daniel Hendricks, Wilber
Gardner, Baby Hostetler, Harry Elkins.
Refreshments were served and a jolly
time enjoyed by the little guests

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—
Jan 29-d&wt

Married.
On April 4 at his home by Judge Ham-
mer, Thomas E. Burkley and Miss Al-
berta A. Huntington.

Tonight the Democrats of the First,
Second, Third and Sixth wards will meet
in their respective wards to elect ward
chairman, so that the city central com-
mittee can be organized.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1897.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Decatur Township—Election April 6.

Supervisor—HENRY F. MAY.
Assistant Supervisors—JOHN ALLEN,
—W. H. SPENCE,
—F. W. KIPP,
—GEORGE W. STOV,
—J. H. RECORD.

Town Clerk—A. H. COPE.
Assessor—W. W. FOSTER.
Collector—LANDY H. MARTIN.
Justices of the Peace—GEORGE P. HARDY,
—O. W. SMITH,
—P. B. PROVOST,
—W. H. SHORE,
—JAMES O'MARA.

Constables—HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
—W. W. CONARD,
—T. L. ANTRIM,
—JOHN LLOYD,
—BUN POST.

Commissioner—WILLIAM BUNDY.
Foundmaster—GREENBERRY MARTIN.

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayor—R. Z. TAYLOR.
Clerk—JOHN A. REEVE.
Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.
Treasurer—MONT FENIWEILL.
Aldermen—First Ward, R. J. WAGY,
—Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG,
—Third Ward, JAMES REEVE,
—Fourth Ward, ALBERT ANKIN,
—Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOX,
—Sixth Ward, JOHN C. WATSON,
—Seventh Ward, J. L. DRAKE.

The Civil Service.

The recent extension of the civil service by President Cleveland has justly developed more opposition to the entire principle than anything which has yet occurred in connection with it. The latest fly in the ointment has been discovered by the newly appointed commissioner of the land office. When Mr. Hermann took charge of the land office as the successor of Commissioner Lamoreaux he found Don P. Lamoreaux serving as private secretary, protected by the classified service. Mr. Lamoreaux tendered his resignation as an act of courtesy, being too sensible a man perhaps, to think of acting in that capacity to the new commissioner who succeeded his relative. In this he showed more good American sense than the man who extended the classified list to embrace persons acting in such capacities. After the resignation was accepted Mr. Hermann was notified by the civil service commission that he might have the privilege of selecting a private secretary from a list of three names they would present. Being a sensible man this disgusted him and he served notice that before he would select a private secretary in such a way the position might remain vacant. These are the things which disgust sensible men with the whole rotten civil service business. No system is acceptable which creates such conditions as these and there are multitudes of them. The idea that Mr. Hermann could select a suitable and reliable person in the capacity of a confidential clerk when there was nothing before him but the ink which formed the names on a piece of paper. He could not tell whether the man he selected had red hair or was bald headed. He could not tell what the character of the man is nor what his reputation is. He could not tell whether he smoked cigarettes or ate opium or garlic. He could not tell whether the man he should choose in that way is a dude or an ordinary mortal, whether he suffered from a torpid liver or a bad breath, or is a man who would be reliable and congenial and safe in that capacity. To make a selection in that way would be a dangerous leap in the dark and when taken in connection with the fact that such a selection is a bar to the selection of a man Mr. Hermann knows would do his work honestly and well, but who has never plunged into the tests of a civil service examination, a man who is practical, wide-awake and useful in teaching the principles of the party in power and who would take an interest in carrying out its policies it becomes obnoxious. The fact that a person has stood the civil service examination is not sufficient to guarantee satisfactory qualification for a confidential and responsible position. There are plenty of men in our penitentiaries who would pass any examination proposed by the civil service commission, but who could not be trusted. The chances are that Cleveland's extension of the civil service will prove the last straw on the camel's back and that the result will be a sweeping modification of the law. This should most assuredly be done or it should be extended to include the cabinet officers and heads of bureaus and thus finish the march of an office holding aristocracy and the death of Republican institutions. The civil service as it now stands is a monarchy as far as it goes and the job might as well be completed by giving the right of people to select their rulers and public servants.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat: What will the senate do with the Dingy bill?

several Democratic papers. The senate will probably amend the bill in a few places and will then pass it. It is safe to say, however, that the amendments will not alter the general character of the measure. The bill is cast on general protection lines and will remain so. This much can be predicted with the utmost confidence. The Republicans are not in complete control in the senate, but the break in the Democracy in the house on the tariff is an assurance that the Republicans will secure votes in the senate also for that measure. No Republican has any misgivings on any of these points.

If you have not cast your vote for the Republican township ticket go and vote at once. Don't wait for some one to haul you to the polls to perform a duty you ought to be glad to walk there to do.

QUIET ELECTION.

Voters Go to the Polls Slowly in Some Districts.

This is election day in Decatur township for town officers. It has been cloudy all day, but the temperature is not disagreeable. The polls opened at 7 a. m. and will close at 5 p. m. The indications at noon in nearly all of the districts were for a tight vote. But in the Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth districts there is said to be a full vote out, with all of the candidates securing the districts for more voters. It is a contest between Republicans and Democrats, each party having a full ticket in the field. It is expected that voting will be livelier this afternoon and evening up to the closing hour, 5 o'clock.

The result as to the Republican majorities will probably be known by 10 o'clock. The total vote in Decatur township a year ago was 3699.

Sales of Real Estate.

John P. Davidson et al to Peter Mooner, the east half of the northeast quarter of 25, 17, 1 west—\$5000.

Peter H. Brueck to Albert W. Bivans, lots 3 and 11 in P. H. Brueck's third addition to Decatur—\$500.

William J. Northoff to W. D. Price a tract of land in 24 16, 3 east—\$200.

Andrew Tandy to Frank Towne, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block 4 in the village of Harrisburg—\$200.

On Saturday night a meeting of the social committee of the Y. M. C. A. was held at the association rooms at which it was decided to give a banquet to Company H, I. N. G. about the 28th of the month. The assembly room on the third floor of the Columbia block has been rented for the evening and the guards will be expected to give a few drill exercises. After the drill the company will be invited to the rooms below where a program will be rendered for their entertainment.

The anti-licensing ticket a Maroa has been named as follows: Mayor, Dr. W. T. McLean; clerk, R. E. Persinger; treasurer, J. Howard Ray; city attorney, B. F. Shipley; police magistrate, Elias Rogers. For Aldermen—First ward, W. J. Compton; for unexpired term, H. C. Harrington; Second ward, Samuel Kepler; Third ward, Charles H. Huff.

Easter will be here and the dainty little novelties peculiar to that day are already much in evidence. Linn & Scruggs are showing about one hundred different and distinct articles in this line, ranging in price from 5 to 50 cents each.

We make a specialty of fine dry cleaning on ladies' and children's made-up dresses, coats and capes at Miller's Decatur Steam Dye house, No. 145 North Main street. Express and mail orders will be promptly attended to.

My dinner is not complete without vegetables. You can have pie plant, asparagus, cucumbers, spinach, wax beans, lettuce, celery, cranberries, radishes by calling up 344. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

For several days there has been in the city a traveling phrenologist. He goes into the stores and offers to tell fortunes to 10 cents.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

The city election will occur two weeks from today—April 30.

Deafness Cannot be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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DECATUR, ILL.
CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

NEWS OF SECRET SESSIONS.

Senators Who Give Information of the Proceedings.

The senate never has and never will be able to keep the proceedings of its executive sessions from getting into the newspapers. There might have been a time in the dim and distant past, when Senator Sherman first came into the senate, for instance, and when the newspapers printed so little or no news about anything, that the executive sessions were really solemn and mysterious affairs, surrounded by the secrecy which so delights the senators of the old regime.

Of late years, however, with the new blood that has come into the senate, the sentiment in favor of throwing aside this relic of bygone days has grown, and many senators, who have no relish for mystery, have not hesitated to furnish matters which they deemed to be of public concern. Everyone around the senate remembers the course which was pursued by Senator Van Wyck, of Nebraska, who made no secret of going into the senate chamber, learning the business under discussion in secret session, and then imparting the information to anyone who wanted to know.

Mr. Van Wyck was the open antagonist of secret sessions, and did everything in his power to bring them into ridicule. In pursuance of this plan he acted as he did. He was, under the rules of the senate, liable to expulsion, but even his open and unbecoming revelations did not subject him to any adverse action. No one ever was, and no one ever will be, the subject even of criticism, much less of expulsion, for talking about executive sessions.

The truth of the matter is, as a senator said the other day, that there is a public sentiment in favor of open sessions. If public sentiment condemned the publication of secret session news, the newspapers would not print it. If it were not for the influence which the conservative senators exercise upon their younger colleagues, secret sessions would be abolished.

Many of the senators believe that it is wrong to discuss a man's character in secret, listening to all sorts of charges against him, and then rejecting him without giving him an opportunity of either facing his accusers or answering their charges. The senators regard this policy as un-American and unfair, but it will probably continue until the public sentiment on the question grows even stronger than it is at present.

In the meantime the older senators will continue to sit for the good old days, when they could go behind closed doors and come out again looking very wise, but the newspapers will continue to print whatever happens of consequence just the same.—Washington Post.

REMARKABLE LAWS OF NATURE.

The Various Delicacies of the Sense of Touch.

A man will die for want of air in five minutes, for want of sleep in ten days, for want of water in a week, and for want of food at varying periods, dependent on circumstances.

The delicacy of the sense of touch is marvelous. The fourth jewel wheel—screws of a watch, though they have 250 threads to the inch, look like dust. They are four-one-thousandths of an inch in diameter, and a lady's ordinary thimble would hold 100,000 of them; yet after being hardened and cut they are placed by the hand very rapidly in frames, with their heads up. This is done by touch alone.

When one falls asleep the order of surrender to the spell is: sight, taste, smell, hearing, touch. The sense of touch is the lightest sleeper and most easily awakened, then hearing, then sight, while sluggish taste and smell waken last.

The human body is an epitome in nature of all mechanics, all hydraulics, all architecture, all machinery of every kind. There are more than 310 mechanical movements known to mechanics to-day, and all of these are but modifications of those found in the human body. Here are found all the bars, levers, joints, pulleys, pumps, pipes, wheels and axles, ball and socket movements, beams, girders, trusses, buffers, arches, columns, cables and supports known to science. At every point man's best mechanical work can be shown to be but adaptations of processes of the human body, a revelation of first principles used in nature.—Ladies' Home Journal.

MARKET REPORT.

No market report from Chicago—election day.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Butter, dull, creamery, 15¢; Eggs, steady, 12¢; Corn, 12¢.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.
PEORIA, April 6.—Corn, steady, new, No. 2, white, 25¢; oats, firm, 20¢; white, 20¢; 2¢; Rye, scarce, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.
NEW YORK, April 6.—Wheat, May, 75¢; Corn, May, 25¢; oats, May, 21¢.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

Blue point and Rockaway shell oysters till May 1st. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.—2-404.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chills, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures them, no matter how long they have been on, and no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers. Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Beacon of Hope. To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

VERDICT FOR \$500.

John R. Thomason Awarded Additional Cash from the Wabash.

In the circuit court this afternoon the jury in the \$500 damage case of John R. Thomason against the Wabash railroad company brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for \$500. The \$500 is in addition to the amount (\$500) which Thomason received in his personal settlement with the representatives of the Wabash. The wife of Thomason was accidentally killed at the Water street crossing of the road while she was in a buggy and Thomason as administrator, instituted the suit for damages.

HOME FORUM CONVENTION.

Held This Afternoon to Elect a Representative to the Grand Forum at Galesburg.

At the E. of P. hall in the Powers block this afternoon convention of the members of the Home Forum benefit order was held. There were present delegates from this part of the state representing 1000 members of the organization. The purpose of the convention was to elect a representative to the Grand Forum which will be held in May at Galesburg. The Grand Forum is the national meeting of the order and each 1000 members are entitled to one representative. The choosing of the representatives was the only business before the convention. At the close of the meeting there will be short talks by some of the members.

Fargo, N. D., Inundated.

Fargo, N. D., April 6.—The situation here is appalling. The Big Coulees west of the city rose 14 inches last night, flooding the entire west side of the river and driving hundreds of families from their homes. All that part of the city south of Front street is inundated. The paving on West Front street is going out rapidly. All the sidewalks are afloat and are being used as rafts. The water is within a few inches of the floors of the principal business houses. A rise of another foot would practically put the entire city afloat. The water works at the reserve stations were shut down last night. There is much suffering among the poor. It snowed this morning for two hours.

Resurrecting a Party.

Columbus, Ohio, April 6.—The state prohibition convention met this afternoon. It is probable that L. J. Beauchamp of Hamilton, will be nominated governor. Rev. J. C. Halliday of Zanesville, lieutenant governor. The party did not poll enough votes at the last presidential election to be recognized under the law as a political party. The purpose is to nominate the ticket, then get the necessary 10,000 names to the petition to get the candidates on the official ballot.

Southern Associated Press Dissolves.

New York, April 6.—The Southern Associated Press dissolved today as a news gathering and distributing organization, and its members have decided to join the Associated Press. Following are the newspapers that have made contracts therewith: Richmond, Va., Dispatch; Richmond, Va., Times; Norfolk, Va., Virginian; Norfolk, Va., Landmark; Charlotte, N. C., Observer; Charleston, S. C., News and Courier; Savannah, Ga., News; Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser.

Blockade Arranged For.

Rome, April 6.—It is semi-officially announced that the foreign admirals have completed plans for the blockade of Greece and forwarded it to their respective governments for approval.

By request of a great many ladies who, owing to the rush, did not get waited on we will continue our display all day Wednesday.

S. W. Hatch & Bro.

Cow Sale Postponed.

Owing to the great storm April 1 the cow sale of the Lutz Bros. has been postponed to Monday, April 13. Note the date.—2-dtd.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 133 East Wood street.—9-dw&t

High water is giving the Wabash considerable trouble at Meredosia.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 6.

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April 5, 1897.

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SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—William Lamson, the banker of
Leroy, N. Y., who died last week, left
the bulk of his estate to Yale university.
The estate is said to be valued between
\$750,000 and \$1,000,000.

—Postmaster-General Wilson, as suc-
cessor to Gen. Lee in the presidency of
Washington and Lee university, will
no doubt find himself in a position that
will suit his temperament much better
than politics.

—At the beginning of the present cen-
tury the Bible could be studied by only
one-fifth of the earth's population. Now
it is translated into languages which
make it accessible to nine-tenths of the
world's inhabitants.

—Rev. Dr. Augustus J. Chapin, of Chi-
cago, has returned from a year's travels
in Europe, and is now visiting friends
in Boston. She is an alumna of the Uni-
versity of Michigan, and is said to be the
only woman upon whom has been con-
ferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

—John Nicholas Brown, who has just
given \$200,000 to the Providence Public
Library association for a new building, is
the eldest son of the late John Carter
Brown, who gave to Brown university
its new library building and the land upon
which it stands. He is 33 years
old, lives in Newport, and is an earnest
student of social and political ques-
tions.

—A Liverpool parish magazine con-
tains the following paragraph: "Fif-
teen wet Sundays one after the other is
a serious matter when the support of a
church and clerical staff depends al-
most entirely upon voluntary contribu-
tions. Our church collections were
nearly washed away. Of course, par-
sons who have 'pew rents' can snap their
fingers at the weather. The foxy
wardens get the money in advance, and
neither shine nor shower makes any
difference."

MUSCULAR MONARCHS.

Rulers Who Have Been Famous for
Their Physical Strength.

It is astonishing what a large num-
ber of kings and other rulers have been
famous for their physical strength. The
late czar of Russia and the late German
emperor were both remarkable for their
strength of body. The latter, in fact,
thought sufficiently well of his powers
to oppose himself to a professional
strong man, who wrestled with and de-
feated the monarch with difficulty.

Augustus II., elector of Saxony, was a
man of immense strength. He once
seized a monk who had concealed him-
self in the royal sleeping apartment by
the waist and flung him out of the win-
dow into the courtyard beneath.

Maurice, count of Saxony, a natural
son of the above elector, was as noted
as his father for his feats of strength.
It needs no small amount of strength
in the fingers to enable one to twist a
long, thick nail into a spiral. This
Maurice did and afterward used it as a
corkscrew to open bottles of wine at a
banquet. At another time, while stop-
ping at a farrier's to have his horses at-
tended to, he broke half a dozen of the
man's horseshoes by the strength of his
hands like so many biscuits. That
Maurice was equally strong in other
parts of his body is shown by the fol-
lowing:

While traveling on foot in London he
had an altercation with a dustman.
The dispute developed into a quarrel
which the count terminated by seizing
his adversary by the head and throwing
him over his shoulder into the mud
cart, which was standing near.

It is related of Dom Pedro II., emperor
of Brazil, that while out sailing in a
small boat he suddenly seized hold of
the two magnificently dressed chamber-
lains who accompanied him, lifted them
out of the boat, one on each side, and
dipped them in the sea. This was not
done out of malice, but because it was
carnival time and practical joking was
the order of the day.

Seanderberg, king of Albania, was a
giant in strength. From an early age
he was in the habit of competing in
feats of strength and skill with the
Turkish nobles and was almost always
victorious. He once in a fit of rage out
in two with one stroke of his sword two
enemies who were brought to him
bound together. The same powerful
sword arm could cut in twain a man in
complete armor.—London Tit-Bits.

Commercial Conflict in Prussia.
Under pressure from the agricultural
party there has been enacted in Prussia
a law which prohibits all dealing in
"futures" in grain and other produce.
The law went into effect on the 1st of
January, and the produce exchanges of
Berlin, Stettin and other trade centers
promptly suspended and organized as
"free associations" in order to escape
the severe supervision prescribed by the
new law. Germany's great grain trade
with Russia and America is entirely
dependent upon future deliveries, and
the merchants engaged in it insist that
it would be impracticable to carry it on
under the restrictions of the new law.
The hope of the agricultural party is to
advance prices for farm products by
preventing speculation.—Youth's Com-
panion.

A Remarkable Statement.

New Guinea is the home of the most
wonderful feathered creature known
to the student of ornithology—the aw-
ful rorip 'n' doob, or "bird of death." A
wound from the beak of this creature
causes excruciating pains in every part
of the body, loss of sight, speech and
hearing, convulsions, lockjaw and cer-
tain death.—N. Y. Sun.

Novel London Mission.

A useful charity, called the London
Spectacle mission, provides spectacles
for needy women and other deserving
persons dependent upon their eyesight
for a living. Last year 726 applicants
were provided with spectacles.—Chicago
Tribune.

Not Great Tobacco Users.

Less tobacco is consumed in Great
Britain in proportion to the inhabitants
than in any other civilized country.—
Chicago Times-Herald.



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SHUTZMAN as a candidate for Alderman in
the Fourth ward at the approaching city elec-
tion.

ANIMALS SHAM DEATH.

A Clever Fox That Came to Life and
Fooled His Captor.

Two cases are on record of foxes be-
ing discovered in henhouses. In each
case the fox not only completely de-
ceived the fender, but allowed himself
to be dragged out by the brush and
thrown down, in the one case in a field
and in the other on a dunghill. In each
instance the fox then jumped up and
ran away. Another example is that of
a fox which dangled across a man's
shoulder as it allowed itself to be car-
ried along a road for more than a mile.
At last it bit the man and was promptly
dropped. A cat was observed to carry
a weasel home in its mouth, the weasel
dangling hopelessly. The door was
closed and the cat, in conformity with
its usual habit, moved to gain admis-
sion. To mew, however, it had to set
down the weasel, which jumped up and
fastened on its nose.

The following instance was observed
by the late Prof. Romanes: A corner-
rake had been retrieved by a dog, and, hav-
ing every appearance of being dead,
was put in a man's pocket. Presently
violent struggles were felt and the man
drew the bird out. To his astonish-
ment it again hung in his hand limp
and apparently lifeless. It was then
set upon the ground and watched from
behind some cover. In a short time it
raised its head, looked around and de-
camped at full speed. A singular fact
that must not be overlooked in connec-
tion with this phenomenon is that some
animals have been found to be actually
dead which were at first thought to be
shamming. Romanes, for instance,
found this to be the case with a squirrel
which he had caught in a cloth and
with which he wanted to experiment
with regard to the feigning of death.

Sir E. Tennent also relates in his
book on the "Natural History of Cey-
lon" that the wild elephant sometimes
dies when being taken from the corral
by tame elephants. Further, he relates
a case in which, being convinced that
an elephant was dead, he had its tusks
taken off, he and a friend leaning
against it the while to rest. Hardly
had they left it when it rose hurriedly,
and, trumpeting vociferously, rushed
off in the jungle. The fact, however,
that a squirrel or an elephant when cap-
tured, unharmed will die is sufficient to
show that a most powerful nervous
derangement of some sort is induced.
When the late Joseph Thomson lec-
tured on his African experiences he re-
lated how the first buffalo he shot
tossed him, and how, when he came to
himself and tried to sit up, he found his
antagonist glaring at him a few yards
away. He told how he recollected that
a buffalo does not try to toss a creature
which shows no signs of life, and how
he let his head sink slowly back and lay
shamming death.

Phasants, in flying across wide
stretches of water, have been noticed
suddenly to fall. In this way they are
apparently drowned. It is perhaps
dangerous to assert positively that fear
is here the active cause of death; yet
we are apparently justified in believing
that a paroxysm of fear can produce
sudden death. The squirrel and the
elephant may have died of fright; cer-
tainly death in man can be produced
by sudden fear, and although man has
a much more sensitive nervous mechan-
ism, the lower animals have an extreme-
ly active instinct of fear.

Prof. Lloyd Morgan mentions the case
of a surfaceman working in the Severn
tunnel who was nearly killed by a train.
It is stated that "this attention was so
riveted that he was unable to make,
or rather he felt no desire to make, the
appropriate movements;" that he could
not help watching the train, but felt
no terror. With the greatest difficulty
he managed to shake himself free of
his fascination. In describing his feel-
ings when the danger was past he is
reported to have said: "I came over
all in a cold sweat and felt as helpless as
a baby. I was frightened enough then."
This may perhaps be taken as a cata-
leptic condition without fear.—Scot-
sman.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors
do not claim to have discovered some
hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it
is a cure-all. This honest medicine
only claims to cure certain diseases, and
that its ingredients are recognized by
the most skilled physicians as being the
best for kidney and bladder diseases.
It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell,
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Not only acute lung troubles, which
may prove fatal in a few days, but old
chronic coughs and throat troubles may
receive immediate relief and be per-
manently cured by One Minute Cough
Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong
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Easter Sale!

This week and the coming week we will
make Special Sale of Goods for Easter wear

Capes for Easter.

Velvet Capes at \$2.95, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$6.50
and \$7.50.

Silk Capes at \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00.

Cloth Capes at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50,
\$5.00.

Suits for Easter.

Fine Navy Blue and Black Serge Suits,
Jackets and Skirts at \$5.00 each.

Fine Silk Trimmed Suits, Waists and
Skirts; made in our own shop at
\$8.90 each.

Kid Gloves for Easter.

Nico Line of Kid Gloves—Tans, Reds,
Browns and Greys, on sale at 98c.
Regular \$1.50 quality.

Shoes for Easter.

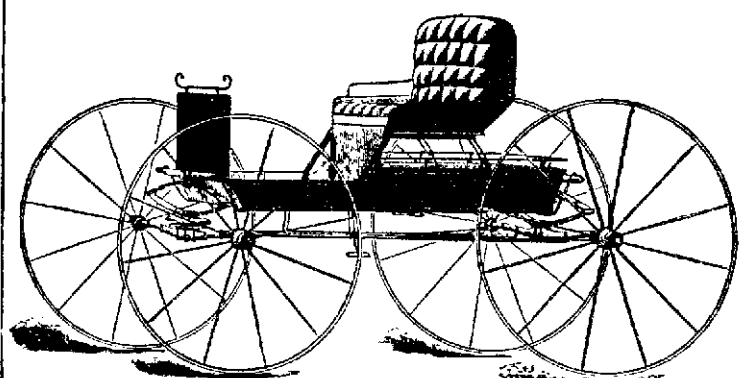
See our Ladies' Fine Shoes at \$1.50,
\$2.00 and \$2.50 a pair. They are
leaders at the prices.

Skirts for Easter.

Fine Brocade Brilliant Skirts at
\$1.98—the \$3.00 kind.
Fine Dress Skirts at \$3.50 and \$5.00 each.
Satin Brocade Dress Skirts at \$5.90
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THE NAME CAME BACK.

And for a while the doctor could not see the humor of it.

It is a familiar contention among psychologists that an incident once thoroughly presented to the human mind cannot be effaced from the memory. In this connection Dr. Cyrus Hamlin, the well-known missionary to Turkey and the founder of Robert College, Constantinople, is reported as telling a humorous story.

Among Dr. Hamlin's friends and substantial helpers was a Philadelphia gentleman, whose name could not be recalled by the doctor, who was then in Turkey. Every incident connected with their interviews, even to the street and number of the house in which his benefactor had lived, was as plain to the doctor as if the events had occurred but yesterday, but to save his life he could not think of the gentleman's name.

As time went on this failure of memory caused him serious annoyance, and he adopted all sorts of expedients to bring back the name. He would take the letters of the alphabet one at a time and think over all the surnames he had ever heard, but to no avail. Then, in his imagination, he would start down the street where his friend had lived, enter the house, go through the ceremony of introduction and repeat word for word, as nearly as he could remember it, the conversation which had taken place between them, but still he could not recall the name.

When, after 30 years, he returned to his native land on a visit, he took the trouble to go to Philadelphia in order to settle the question which had been puzzling him so long. He visited the house, but found only strangers, who could tell him nothing of the people who had lived there so many years before. So finally Dr. Hamlin abandoned the search, thinking that here at last was a case where something had been thought out and presented to the human mind, and as thoroughly effaced.

One night, after he had returned permanently to this country, he attended a large dinner where were several distinguished psychologists. During the evening the conversation turned upon the subject of the memory and the well-known scientific principle was discussed. This was too good an opportunity to be lost, and Dr. Hamlin proceeded to relate his experience at length as an example of the opposite kind.

He was, of course, listened to with great interest, and as he approached the end of his story he said, with great impressiveness:

"Gentlemen, there was an incident presented to my mind more than 40 years ago, and I have not been able to think of the name of Capt. Robinson from that day to this."

When his climax was greeted by a hearty burst of laughter the worthy doctor looked round in great astonishment, for he thought he had told a pretty good story and could see nothing in it to provoke mirth. It was some time before the truth of the matter dawned upon him.—Washington Star

OUR ANCESTORS.

Each person has more than he can count.

Grandfathers and grandmothers are very proud when they can boast of having a paltry score or two of descendants, but no one seems to be aware of the grounds he has for boasting of the number of his ancestors.

Has it ever occurred to you to count back in a direct line? If not, try it now, and you will be astonished. At the first remove you have two—father and mother. At the next step you have four—two grandfathers and two grandmothers.

Each of these has a father and a mother, so you have four great-grandfathers and four great-grandmothers. Each of these, again, has had two parents, so that at the fourth generation back you have 16 ancestors, at the fifth you have 32, at the sixth you have 64 and at the seventh you have 128.

As you go a little further, they rise to the thousands, tens of thousands, and hundreds of thousands, so that, if all your direct ancestors for 20 generations be added together, they amount to over 1,000,000, and if you go back another 20 degrees, they total 1,000,000,000,000—or more people than there are in the world at the present moment, if you leave out Asia.

Now, as 40 generations are equal to only about 1,200 years, if you were to calculate back to the beginning of the world, you simply couldn't find figures to express the number of your blood relations.—London Answers.

Seventeenth Century Superstitions.

That it is a very unfortunate thing for a man to meet early in a morning an ill-favored man or woman, a rough-footed hen, a shag-haired dog or a black cat. That it is a sign of death to come in that house, where crickets have bin many years, if on a sudden they forsake the chimney corner. That if a man dream of eggs or fire he shall hear of anger. That to dream of gold good luck, but of silver ill. That if a man be born in the daytime he shall be unfortunate. That if a child be born with a candle on his head he shall be very fortunate. That when the palms of the right hand iteth, it is a shrewd sign he shall receive money. That it is a great sign of ill luck if a rat gnaw a man's clothes. That it is naught for any man to give a pair of knives to his sweetheart, for fear it cuts away all love that is between them. That if it is ill luck to have the saltcellar fall toward you.—Notes and Queries.

Venezuela's Wonderful Waterfall.

American explorers claim to have found a waterfall in Venezuela which, perhaps, outdoes the Niagara in magnitude. The fall is in the Matucana mountains, in a district hitherto practically unknown. The cliff over which the water falls is 1,600 feet above the valley to which the stream descends.—Chicago Tribune.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Worthington, Ind., writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anna Stehle, 2625 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and strength. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Get a bottle at West's drug store.

Rev. A. Potter of Kearney, Nebraska, will arrive at Pekin and take charge of St. Paul's Episcopal parish on April 9. No call has been extended the gentleman and no arrangements made for his reception.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors, but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Fires in an incubator owned by J. L. McKerzie of Champaign destroyed fifty young chickens and 600 eggs one night last week.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A firm in Minonk received over 200 cases of eggs Monday. There are thirty dozen to a case which would make the receipts 6000 for the day.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure is a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Eighty acres of land belonging to the estate of G. Osborn, deceased, near Atlanta was sold by the administrator last week to J. Bevan at \$55.50 per acre.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

John Wombacher, Jr., of Peoria is to be married Wednesday to Miss Anna Hoban of St. Louis. Mr. Wombacher is prominent in Peoria business circles and Miss Hoban is one of St. Louis' handsomest girls.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Harry Cordray of Danville will manage a variety theatre at Seattle, Wash., for his father, Professor Cordray, who left Danville in 1880. He now has a string of theatres along Puget Sound and the Columbia theatre.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Mrs. Charles J. Welty, formerly Miss Flossie Goller of Peoria died at Pekin on Saturday.

The Ideal Panacea, James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

J. J. Armstrong of Savoy, the village blacksmith, has moved to Colorado with his family.

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

In the circuit court at Danville Henry Funk commenced an action for trespass against T. B. Shoaff of the Press, claiming damages of \$20,000. The complaint avers that the defendant defamed his good name by declaring in a loud voice and in a public place "that he was a thief and he could prove it and that he would send him to the penitentiary."

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

W. W. Bishop has sold the Danville shirt factory to Leigh Walker of Chicago.

Have You Had the Grip? If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. (H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

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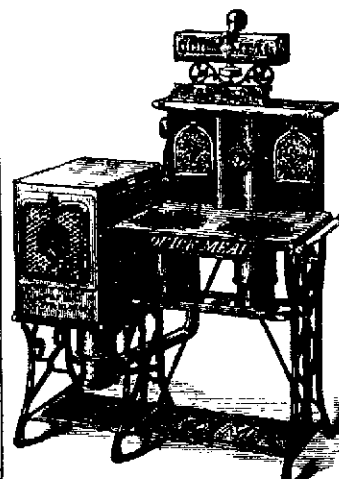
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THE WATER HYACINTH.

A Plant That is Spoiling Florida's Principal River.

Prof. H. J. Webber, special agent of the treasury department, was appointed to investigate the water hyacinths in the St. John's, how seriously they threaten to blockade the river, and to report some feasible and economical means for their eradication.

Prof. Webber is not inclined to discount the importance of an early solution of the problem. He has not investigated the propagation of the plant further than to ascertain, from the history of its introduction into the St. John's, that it multiplies with marvelous rapidity. It seems to have found conditions here well adapted to its growth, and unless precautionary legislation is enacted by the Florida legislature to prevent its introduction into other water courses and lakes it is his belief that but a few years will pass before every river, stream and lake of the state will be infested by it.

Prof. Webber's version of the history of the introduction of the plant into the St. John's, is practically the same as that of Capt. W. A. Shaw, of the steamer City of Jacksonville. W. F. Fuller, of Milledgeville, brought the first seeds to the state and planted them in a pond. The plants crowded out all others. He cleared the pond, throwing the roots of the hyacinths into the St. John's. This was in the year 1892 or 1893. Prof. Webber does not think that Mr. Fuller threw the roots into the river later than 1892, for, granting the plant great multiplying power, it is difficult to realize that these few roots developed into thousands of acres within four years.

"If all the seed of any one plant were to grow and develop, not many years would be required for that particular plant to overrun the earth," said he, "and the rapidity with which a plant produces depends upon how well adapted the conditions of a soil are to that particular plant. There can be no question but that Florida's short experience with the water hyacinth has demonstrated conclusively that the conditions here are very kindly disposed toward the hyacinth, and we may look for the rapid increase of the pest in the future unless a remedy is soon applied. Not only are the conditions of the climate good for rapid propagation, but the rivers of the state flow so sluggishly to the sea that a great deal cannot be expected of the current in the way of riding the upper waters of this and other rivers of the weed.

"Happily the hyacinth is not found in any waters of the state to any great extent other than the St. John's, and in the St. John's it is not found lower than Silver Springs and Puzzle lake. Puzzle lake, though, bids fair to be a hotbed for this particular growth. There are numerous islands in this lake, and several currents, but none sufficiently strong to tear out the fields of hyacinths and carry them into the river.

"I do not think that the lower St. John's—that is, that portion of the river between Palatka and Jacksonville—will ever be seriously infested, but there is real danger that the upper portion will be. In the upper river there are several railroad bridges. These are built of piling, with 60-foot draws, and through these the accumulation of the plant must pass in order to escape to the sea, for all other portions of the bridge offer a barrier. The piling itself would be a barrier, but a more effective bar is offered in the stringers that extend from one pile to another to give strength to the structure. These stringers are almost invariably built with a few inches of the surface of the water. If the state were to require that all bridges across the St. John's be broad spans I think that thousands of acres of the fields of hyacinths would pass down with the current and out to sea."

Prof. Webber bases his fears that other waters of the state will become infested with the plant on the fact that certain men have discovered that it is a valuable food for cattle.

"The cattle relish it," says he, "and from Palatka up to Sanford thousands of them may be seen up to their backs in water devouring the weed. Cattle men of other portions of the state may find that it will prove profitable to them as a cattle feed, and unless the precautionary legislation is enacted they are liable to forget how damaging it will be to other interests, such as fishing and logging, and remember only the profit to themselves."

The logging interests of the upper St. John's are now seriously handicapped by the vast fields of hyacinths, which prevent the towing of rafts to market. There are between Palatka and Sanford no less than 600 families dependent upon fishing for a livelihood. The hyacinths have already damaged this industry greatly, and the fishermen fear that by next season they will not be able to pursue their vocations at all.

Prof. Webber says he has thought of several plans for the destruction of the plant. He had in mind first dredges to scoop up the bulbs from the surface of the water and crush them to pulp through heavy rollers, but as there are many hidden logs and limbs among the fields of the weed, such a plan would hardly prove practicable because of the damage to the machinery.

The best experimental plan, in his opinion, is to require the bridges to be so constructed as to allow the free passage of the fields of the plant in order to demonstrate how effective the current will prove. He is satisfied that this plan will be sufficiently beneficial to warrant its adoption. Another plan he has considered is that of constructing booms across the river to collect the plants, at which places there should be mills or crematories for their destruction. But, above all things, he urges the advisability of the legislature passing laws making it a criminal offense for any person to carry hyacinths into waters that are not now infested. —Florida Times-Union.

